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The present Report has been prepared in the form adopted on similar occasions in previous years.

As the results of the Census of 1891 have not yet been finally published, the statistics of 1881 have of necessity been adhered to. No change has occurred during the year under review in the jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province. Area, population, and jurisdiction.

There were in the Province, as in 1890, three District and seven Subordinate Judges, and, owing to the addition of three Native Munsifs, one in the district of Sibsagar and two in the district of Cachar, and of one European Munsif in the district of Lakhimpur, and the withdrawal of one Native Munsif from the district of Darrang, the number of officers of this class was 35, as compared with 32 at the end of 1890. Of the 21 Munsifs employed in the Assam Valley Districts, 6 were attached to Sibsagar, 4 to each of the districts of Kamrup and Lakhimpur, 3 to Goalpara, and 2 to each of the districts of Nowgong and Darrang. Judicial officers.

The number of Munsifs exercising the powers of a Court of Small Causes in the Assam Valley Districts was 12 at the close of the year, as against 10 at the end of 1890, and the number in Sylhet was 5, as in the previous year. One officer in Cachar also exercised these powers.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

2. As compared with the figures for 1890, the return under review shows a decrease in the number of suits instituted and decided, and an increase in the number pending in the Civil Courts of Assam. The following are the statistics for the two years mentioned:— Original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. [*Table A.*]

Civil Courts.

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1890	24,604	25,269	3,484
1891	22,712	22,983	3,607
	1,892 (Decrease.)	2,286 (Decrease.)	123 (Increase.)

No suits came before the Revenue Courts of the Province.

The number of original suits instituted was smaller than in the preceding years, the falling off being greatest in the district of Sylhet, where it is apparently attributable to the disturbing influences connected with the Manipur revolt, the occurrence of the *Ardhodoy Jog*, which caused many of the Hindu residents to spend their time and money on pilgrimages in the course of the year, and the fact that the general health of the people was for some months bad. The Assam Valley Districts show a slight increase in the number of suits instituted.

Original suits disposed of.

3. The number of original suits heard and determined was 22,983, as compared with 25,269 in the previous year, the result being a decrease of 2,286 cases shared by almost all the districts of the Province. The decrease in Sylhet is not, in the opinion of the Court, sufficiently explained by the statement that there were several changes in the staff in the course of the year entailing the appointment to fill up vacancies caused by transfer of officers with less local experience. The decrease in Cachar is ascribed to the fact that the Extra Assistant Commissioner and Sudder Munsif could devote but little time to civil work, owing to the other duties devolving upon him as Treasury officer, Jail Superintendent, and Magistrate.

State of the pending files. [*Table B*]

4. The aggregate number of suits remaining under trial was larger than at the end of 1890. There were on the 31st December, 1891, 29 cases on the files of the Civil Courts of the Province, which had been pending for more than a year, as against 13 similarly pending at the end of 1890. Of these 29 cases, 22 were in the Courts of the District of Sylhet, *viz.*, 3 before the District Judge, 5 before the Subordinate Judge, 5 before the Sudder Munsifs, 2 before the Munsif of Sonamganje, 2 before the 1st Munsif of Habiganje, and 5 before the 2nd Munsif of Moulvi Bazar. Two cases were pending before the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, and 5 before the Subordinate Judge of Goalpara. The delay in these cases and the explanations offered have been dealt with by the High Court when reviewing the statements of work periodically submitted.

Number and value of suits instituted in 1890-91. [*Table C.*]

5. The following statement exhibits the number and value of the suits instituted during each of the last two years:—

	Number of Suits instituted		Value in Litigation	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
			R	R
Assam Valley Districts . .	8,369	8,454	6,73,891	8,34,346
Sylhet	14,397	12,838	12,55,458	12,42,328
Cachar	1,838	1,420	96,163	1,00,790

It will be observed that in the Assam Valley Districts the number increased by 85 and the value by R1,60,455. In Sylhet there was a decrease in number and value by 1,559 and R13,130 respectively, as compared with the figures for the previous year. In Cachar the number of suits shows a decline of 418, but the value an increase of R4,327.

The average value of the suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province during 1891 was R95, as compared with R52 in the preceding year.

The following statement shows in detail the value of the suits instituted during the year 1891:— Value in detail of suits instituted. [*Annual Statement 3.*]

	Number of Suits.			
	Assam Valley Districts.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Total.
Not exceeding R 10	1,506	2,146	354	4,006
" " " 50	3,833	6,200	621	10,654
" " " 100	1,708	2,372	230	4,310
" " " 500	1,162	1,787	202	3,151
" " " 1,000	120	133	8	261
" " " 5,000	57	140	4	201
" " " 10,000	9	7	...	16
" " " 1,00,000	3	6	1	10
Exceeding " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...
Value not denotable in money	56	47	...	103
Total	8,454	12,838	1,420	22,712

A comparison between these figures and those of the previous year indicates that in the Assam Valley Districts the number of suits between R1,000 and R10,000 in value increased from 52 to 66, while that of suits above R10,000 remained unaltered (3), and that of suits the value of which was not denotable in money rose from 43 to 56. In Sylhet there were 147 suits valued at between R1,000 and R10,000, as compared with 82 suits in the former year, and 6 as against 8 valued at above R10,000. The figures reproduced on the margin show the proportion of suits the value of which did not exceed R100.

1888	83·6
1889	83·8
1890	85·1
1891	84·5

The following statement gives the average value of the suits instituted in each district:—

	1889.	1890.	1891.
	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	92·5	80·5	98·6
Sylhet	84·5	87·2	96·7
Cachar	54·1	52·4	70·9

The variations in the figures for the Assam Valley Districts and Sylhet have already been referred to.

6. The annexed table shows the number of suits of each class instituted during the years 1890 and 1891:— Classification of suits instituted. [*Table D.*]

	1890.	1891.
Small Cause Court class	18,364	16,586
Rent suits { Civil Courts	3,221	2,802
Rent suits { Revenue Courts	...	...
Other classes	3,019	3,324

In the Assam Valley Districts there was a net increase of 117, or 1·5 per cent., in the number of suits for money or movables. In Sylhet there was a decrease of 1,533 cases, or 19·8 per cent., and in Cachar of 362 cases, or 29·02.

As compared with the previous year, there was a decrease of 419, or 14·9 per cent., in the total number of rent suits instituted in the Civil Courts of Assam. This result was contributed to chiefly by the district of Sylhet, where there was a decrease of 389 suits.

There was an advance of 305, or 9·1 per cent., in the total number of title suits, Sylhet showing an increase of 13·3 per cent., and the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar a decrease of 4·4 and 28·2 per cent., respectively.

Of the 16,586 suits for money or movables instituted in 1891, 8,598, or 51·8 per cent., were dealt with by Judicial Officers exercising the powers of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts, and not exceeding R50 in value. The percentage of 1890 was 48·08.

Value of suits of each class instituted.

[*Table E.*]

7. The average value of suits for money or movables was R96·4, as compared with R84·9 in 1890. Rent suits were of an average value of R50·4 and title and other suits of an average value of R131·1, the corresponding figures for the previous twelve months being R34·4 and R117·7, respectively.

The percentage for the past two years of petty money suits in the Assam Valley Districts, Sylhet and Cachar, not exceeding R50 in value, is shown below :—

	Percentage.	
	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts	66·06	62·7
Sylhet	58·1	56·8
Cachar	71·5	67·6

Detailed classification of suits instituted in 1890 and 1891.

[*Annual Statement 2.*]

Suits for Money or Movables.

8. The following details indicate the nature of the suits instituted during each of the three past years :—

Suits for Money or Movables.

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Contract in writing	11,738	9,842	8,733
Contract not in writing	1,614	1,492	1,281
On account stated	589	616	492
Money had and received	535	652	583
Goods sold	2,773	2,139	2,318
Wages, work and materials	365	317	272
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	164	176	179
Movable property or the value thereof	1,102	1,102	827
Damages	1,653	1,754	1,665
Other suits for money or movables not included above	269	274	236
Total	20,802	18,364	16,586

The suits instituted under the Rent Law during 1890 and 1891, respectively, are classified in the subjoined table :— Suits under the Rent Law.

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Suits for arrears of rent	3,176	2,753	...	...
„ for enhancement or abatement of rent	10	6	...	...
„ relating to distraint	5	6	...	...
„ for damages	...	...	...	...
„ for pottas or kabuliats	1	13	.	...
„ for ejectment	19	12	...	...
„ for recovery of money or accounts from agents	7	5	...	...
Other suits under the Rent Law	3	7	..	...
Total	3,221	2,802	...	...

The nature of the suits, other than suits for money or movables, instituted in the Civil Courts during 1890 and 1891 will appear from the following statement :— Title and other suits.

	Number of Suits.		Proportion of each Class to the Total Number.	
	1890	1891	1890	1891.
Suits for immovable property	1,290	1,440	42 73	43·33
„ „ declaratory decrees	47	45	1 56	1·35
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	1,323	1,243	43 82	37·39
Suits to declare and establish right to real property	48	236	1 59	7·09
„ to declare and establish right to personal property	75	93	2·19	2·79
„ for an account	6	11	·20	·34
„ relating to religious endowments	2	...	·06	...
„ to set aside judgments, etc., on the ground of fraud	3	3	·09	·09
„ for dissolution of marriage	5	2	·17	06
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	170	192	5·64	5 78
„ for partition	11	7	·36	·22
„ under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	6	12	·20	·36
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	33	40	1·09	1·20
Total	3,019	3,324	100·	100·

Disposed of suits. [*Tables F and F2*]

9. The manner in which suits were dealt with by the Civil Courts of the Province during each of the past five years may be gathered from the following table :—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	TOTAL.
1887	9,010	9,371	6,542	24,923
1888	8,774	9,732	5,935	24,441
1889	9,494	9,587	5,971	25,052
1890	10,195	8,781	6,293	25,269
1891	9,212	7,333	6,438	22,983

Of the districts in the Assam Valley, Nowgong shows a decrease of 439 in the number of suits disposed of, Lukhimpur a decrease of 119, and Darrang a decrease of 76; while in Goalpara there was an increase of 363, and in Sibsagar and Kamrup of 96 and 47, respectively. In Sylhet there was a decrease of 1,913 in the number of suits disposed of, and in Cachar a decrease of 245.

As compared with the preceding year, a decrease of 2,286 is shown in the total number of suits decided in the Province. There was a decrease of 983 in cases uncontested by reason of withdrawal in some form or other, and this occurred in Sylhet (879), in Cachar (90), and in the Assam Valley Districts (14).

There was a net decrease of 1 448 in *ex parte* decisions, Sylhet and Cachar showing a decrease of 1,340 and 202, respectively, and the Assam Valley Districts an increase of 94.

The number of contested suits decided shows a net increase of 145, Sylhet and Cachar exhibiting an increase of 306 and 47, respectively, and the Assam Valley Districts a decrease of 208. The following table shows the proportion of cases contested in these districts :—

	PERCENTAGE.	
	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley Districts	37·1	35·3
Sylhet	18·8	23 9
Cachar	15·1	20 7
	24·5	28·01

In the Assam Valley Districts the proportion of contested cases is again largest in Nowgong, where the percentage was 46, as compared with 49 in 1890. The number of cases decided under the Indian Oaths Act (X of 1873, Section 9), still continues higher in this than in any other district.

Of the total number of contested cases (3,038) decided in the Assam Valley Districts, 1,175, or 30·09 per cent., were decided under the summary procedure of Small Cause Courts, and 1,863, or 39·6 per cent., under the ordinary procedure, against 35 6 and 38·2 per cent., respectively, in the previous year.

The following tabular statement furnishes fuller details of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts of Assam during each of the past three years:—

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Plaint rejected and cases dismissed for default or withdrawn	5,504	6,260	5,563
Dismissed *ex parte* and judgment for defendants	1,927	2,074	2,151
Arbitration in favour of defendants	13	17	15
Plaintiffs unsuccessful	7,444 (29·71 per cent. of the whole.)	8,351 (33·05 per cent. of the whole.)	7,729 (33·63 per cent. of the whole.)
Decrees *ex parte* or on confession or judgment for plaintiffs	15,416	14,423	13,056
Arbitration in favour of plaintiffs	41	35	45
Plaintiffs successful	15,457 (61·69 per cent. of the whole.)	14,458 (57·21 per cent. of the whole.)	13,101 (57·00 per cent. of the whole.)
Compromised	2,151 (8·60 per cent. of the whole.)	2,460 (9·74 per cent. of the whole.)	2,153 (9·37 per cent. of the whole.)

These figures exhibit a slight increase in the percentage of cases in which the plaintiffs were unsuccessful, and a slight decrease in the percentage of cases which were compromised or in which the plaintiffs were successful.

10. The following statement shows for the past two years the number of cases dismissed on default, or decreed *ex parte*, as also the number of applications for the setting aside of the judgments passed in such cases:—

Applications to set aside an *ex parte* judgment, or a judgment on default. [*Table G.*]

	1890.	1891.
Number of cases dismissed on default or decreed *ex parte*	15,270	13,231
" " applications to set aside judgments in such cases	631	547
" " such applications granted	431	340

The proportion of these applications to the total number of cases decided *ex parte* was 2·52, as against 2·50 in 1890, the proportion being higher in the Assam Valley Districts than elsewhere in the Province.

The proportion of applications granted to the total number made was 62·1 per cent. as compared with 68·08 per cent. in 1890. It was highest in Sibsagar (72·6), Darrang (71·6), and Goalpara (62·5), and lowest in Kamrup (57·8), Nowgong (57·5), Sylhet (57·3), Lukhimpur (55·5), and Cachar (47·6).

11. The result of applications for the execution of decrees during the past three years is shown in the following table:—

Applications for the execution of decrees. [*Table H.*]

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Number on which satisfaction was obtained in full	2,674	2,978	3,191
" " " " in part	3,266	3,190	2,657
Amount realized R.	4,73,513	4,52,123	4,90,809

As compared with the previous year, there was a decrease in the number of applications for the execution of decrees, but an increase in the amount realized, the greatest increase taking place in the Assam Valley Districts.

Of the amount realized during 1891, R3,82,538 were realized upon 4,875 applications after issue of process, and R1,08,271 upon 973 applications without process, the corresponding figures for 1890 being R3,20,837 upon 4,850 applications after issue of process, and R1,31,286 upon 1,218 applications without process.

Number of coercive processes.

12. The annexed table furnishes information as to some of the principal measures adopted during the last two years for the satisfaction of decrees in each district:—

	1890.			1891		
	Assam.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Assam.	Sylhet.	Cachar.
Judgment-debtors imprisoned .	15	26	4	16	26	2
Movable property sold . .	259	504	44	275	378	31
Immovable property sold .	223	863	55	227	730	33

In addition to the above, there were 272 cases in which movable property, and 419 cases in which immovable property, was attached and subsequently released under Section 275 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In 7 cases the immovable property of the judgment-debtor was dealt with under Section 305, Section 322, or Section 326 of the Code, and in 21 and 856, respectively, possession was given of movable and immovable property. In 7 cases specific performance was enforced, and in 7 partition was effected under Section 265. Against 44 cases, in which the judgment-debtors were imprisoned for debt, there were 127 cases in which they were released after arrest. In 1,098 instances various other means were adopted in order to effect execution. As compared with 1890, there was a decrease of 123 in the number of cases in which movable property was sold, and an increase of 173 in the number in which execution was effected otherwise than shown. The total number of judgment-debtors imprisoned and that of sales of immovable property show a decrease of 1 and 151, respectively. In the Assam Valley Districts the number of applications for arrest has fallen from 1,297 in 1888 to 668 in the year under report.

Proceedings in insolvency.

[*Tables W, W1, and W2*]

13. The following table shows the number of applications for declaration of insolvency filed, decided, and remaining undisposed of in each of the last two years:—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1890	27	23	10
1891	32	32	10

Inclusive of 10 applications pending at the close of 1890, there were 42 on the file during 1891, of which 22 were decided by specially empowered Subordinate Judges in the Assam Valley Districts and 10 by the District Judges of Sylhet and Cachar.

Of the 42 applications 11 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, 10 granted, 11 rejected, and 10 pending at the close of the year.

The following comparative statement shows the number of persons declared insolvents and the number of those who obtained their discharge during the past year and that immediately preceding it :—

	Declared to be insolvents.	Discharged.	Pending.
1890	10	9	1
1891	11	12	...

The classes of persons declared insolvents during the year under review are shown below :—

	Assam Valley Districts.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	TOTAL.
Petty shop-keeper . . .	1	...	...	1
Trader	1	...	...	1
Cultivator	8	1	...	9
TOTAL .	10	1	...	11

No estates were placed in the hands of Receivers in the course of the year.

The following comparative table shows the amounts realized and disbursed by Receivers during the years 1890 and 1891 :—

	Amount realized	Amount disbursed	Balance.
	R	R	R
1890	1,299	1,309	243
1891	...	...	243

In Sylhet and Cachar no claims were satisfied, but the value of those remaining unsatisfied amounted to R67,509 and R3,051, respectively.

14. The following statement shows the number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted and decided in the Civil Courts during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891, and the number pending at the close of each :— Original miscellaneous cases. [*Table I.*]

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1889	2,201	1,915	493
1890	2,092	2,279	304
1891	2,145	2,162	300

Annexed are details indicative of the manner in which miscellaneous judicial cases were dealt with in 1890 and 1891 :— Miscellaneous judicial cases how disposed of. [*Statement 4,— Part II.*]

	1890	1891.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc. . .	577	364
Decided *ex parte*	641	738
Referred to arbitration	1	...
Contested	1,260	1,060
TOTAL .	2,279	2,162
Percentage of contested cases	55·28	49 02

Of the 1,060 cases which were contested, the petitioners were successful in 59·33 per cent., and unsuccessful in the remainder.

Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases. [*Table I 1.*]

15. Statistics in connection with the miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted and decided under the Rent Law in the Civil Courts of Sylhet during the two years 1890 and 1891 are given in the table below, which also shows the number of such cases remaining undecided at the close of the year :—

	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.
Applications for deposit of rent .	191	274	186	279	7	2
" " assistance to distrain . .	5	34	5	21	...	10
" " sale of distrained property .	16	21	15	18	5	8
Total .	212	329	206	321	12	20

Number of original suits decided with or without contest. [*Annual Statement 4,— Part I.*]

16. The number of contested and uncontested original suits decided by the Courts of each class during the past two years is shown below :—

	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.
District Judges . . .	8	15	4	4
Subordinate Judges . . .	86	100	329	264
Munsifs	6,199	6,323	18,643	16,277
Total .	6,293	6,438	18,976	16,545

Average duration of suits. [*Table Q.*]

17. The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, before the different grades of Courts during the year is exhibited in the subjoined statement :—

	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs	
	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Contested	7	6	6	11	3	8
Uncontested	7	17	2	26	1	16

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

II.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed. [*Table X.*]

18. The following table shows the number of first and second appeals against the decrees of the Courts in Assam, preferred to and decided by the High

Court during the years 1890 and 1891, and the number remaining undecided at the close of each of these years :—

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
First Appeals.						
From Decrees	8	15	5	11	9	13
„ Orders	4	7	6	5	1	3
Second Appeals.						
From Decrees	46	61	90	44	39	56
„ Orders	4	6	6	4	1	3

Of the 14 appeals from original decrees filed in 1891, 10 came from Sylhet and 4 from the Assam Valley Districts (*viz.*, 3 from Goalpara and 1 from Sibsagar). Districts from which appeals came. [*Table Y.*]

Of the 61 appeals from appellate decrees, 33 (54·09 per cent.) were from Sylhet, 4 from Cachar, and 24 from the Assam Valley Districts (*viz.*, 14 from Goalpara, 6 from Sibsagar, and 2 each from Darrang and Lukhimpore).

Of the 13 miscellaneous appeals preferred, 8 came from Sylhet and 5 from Goalpara.

No third appeals under the Letters Patent were heard during the year.

There were 14 appeals in suits not exceeding R50 in value decided by two Judges of the High Court.

Of the 14 appeals from original decrees preferred in 1891, 6 were valued at below R10,000. Of the appeals from the decrees of Subordinate Appellate Courts, 25, or 40·9 per cent., were in suits valued at not more than R50. Value of Appeals. [*Table Y.*]

Inclusive of such appeals as were pending at the close of 1890, 24 appeals from original decrees were on the files during 1891. Of these 11 only were decided during the year, 3 being confirmed, 3 reversed, 2 modified, 1 remanded, 1 dismissed on default, and 1 compromised. Result of appeals. [*Table Z.*]

There were altogether 100 appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Appellate Courts before the High Court during 1891, 39 of the number having been left pending at the close of the former year. Of the total, 44 were decided, 20 being from the decisions of the District Judges and 24 from those of Subordinate Judges. The results are shown below :—

	Decrees confirmed.	Decrees remanded.	Decrees modified.	Decrees reversed.	Appeals dismissed in default.
District Judges .	7	5	1	2	...
Subordinate Judges	20	2	...	...	1

There were altogether 15 miscellaneous appeals on the files during 1891, 2 pending from 1890 being included. Of the total, 9 were decided, 5 being affirmed, 2 reversed, 1 rejected, and 1 dismissed on default.

III.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

19. The following table shows the number of appeals instituted and disposed of in the Civil Appellate Courts of Assam during the years 1889, 1890, and 1891, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years :— Appeals instituted. [*Table J.*]

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Instituted	868	1,065	975
Decided	816	864	890
Pending	364	586	689

There was a decrease in the number of appeals instituted in Sylhet (2), Kamrup (36), Nowgong (21), Lukhimpur (14), and Darrang (8); while there was an increase of 16 in the number of appeals in Sibsagar, of 15 in Cachar, and 10 in Goalpara.

Ratio of appeals to decisions. [*Table K.*]

The proportion of appeals actually preferred to the 3,900 cases in which an appeal lay to the Subordinate Appellate Courts was 24·92 per cent., as compared with 27·81 per cent. in 1890. The most favourable results in this respect are to be found, as in the previous year, in Kamrup (37·18) and the least favourable in Nowgong (12·30).

The following statement distinguishes appeals preferred during the year against the decrees of Subordinate Judges and Munsifs, from the number of appealable decrees made by these Judicial Officers :—

	Subordinate Judges	Munsifs.
Number of decrees in contested cases against which an appeal lay to the Subordinate Appellate Courts	99	3,801
Number of appeals preferred	28	944
Ratio of appeals to appealable decrees	28·28	24·83

Appeals classified. [*Table L.*]

20. The number of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Appellate Courts during the past two years is given below :—

	1890.	1891.
In suits for money or movables	554	455
„ title or other suits	365	404
„ suits under the Rent Law	146	116

Appeals valued. [*Table M.*]

21. The value of each class of appeals preferred during the past two years is exhibited in the following table :—

	1890.	1891.
	R	R
In suits for money or movables	89,617	82,569
„ title or other suits	36,657	43,017
„ suits under the Rent Law	5,743	3,505
TOTAL	1,12,016	1,29,091

Value of appeals in detail.

The annexed table furnishes details regarding the value of the appeals of each class instituted in the course of the year under review :—

	In cases for money or movables.	In cases under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.
Not exceeding R 10	9	29	65
„ „ „ 50	82	61	147
„ „ „ 100	148	20	81
„ „ „ 500	176	3	76
„ „ „ 1,000	27	...	14
„ „ „ 5,000	13	...	6
Value not denotable in money	...	3	15
TOTAL	455	116	404

As compared with the figures for 1890, there was a decrease in the number of appeals for money or movables and also in the number under the Rent Law, while there was an increase in the number of title and other appeals.

Of the total number of appeals in 1891, 956, or 98·05 per cent., were cognizable by District and Subordinate Judges, and 19, or 1·95 per cent., were cognizable by District Judges alone, the Court of first instance being that of a Subordinate Judge.

In 642, or 65·85 per cent. of the total number of appeals, the property in litigation did not exceed R100 in value; in 315, or 32·30 per cent., the value exceeded that amount, and in 18, or 1·85 per cent., it was not denotable in money.

22. The number of appeals decided after hearing was 860. The figures for the past three years are reproduced in juxtaposition below:— Appeals how decided. [*Table N.*]

	Number.			Percentage.		
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Confirmed	543	567	642	68·9	68·6	74·7
Modified	83	75	72	10·6	9·1	8·3
Reversed	124	145	124	15·8	17·6	14·4
Remanded	37	39	22	4·7	4·7	2·6

Compared with the figures for 1890, the result of appeals was very favourable to the Courts of first instance in Sylhet, where the percentage of decisions upheld was 80·9 against 68·5 in 1890. In the Assam Valley Districts the percentage of decisions upheld was 62·4 against 62·3 in 1890, and in Cachar 75·6 against 69·2.

23. The numbers of miscellaneous appeals instituted and decided during each of the past three years and pending at the close of each are compared in the following table:— Miscellaneous appeals. [*Table O.*]

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Instituted	87	95	87
Decided	93	82	82
Pending	12	25	30

IV.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

24. The number of days devoted by District Judges to their civil judicial work was in excess by 45 of the number so spent in 1890. The following table gives further details:— Work done by District Judges. [*Table P 1.*]

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1890 . .	211	254	12	608	376	53	85	543
1891 . .	256	223	19	466	382	70	90	458
	+45	— 31	+7	—142	+6	+17	+5	—85
	+14		— 192					

Of the 19 original suits disposed of in 1891, 12 were decided by the District Judge of Sylhet against 5 in 1890, 5 by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts against 6 in the previous year, and 2 by the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar as District Judge against 1 in 1890.

The District Judge of Sylhet devoted 143 days to civil judicial work in 1891 as against 142 days in 1890, while the number of days in which the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts and the District Judge of Cachar sat for the disposal of civil work was 49 and 64 against 41 and 28, respectively.

The number of appeals disposed of by the District Judge of Sylhet, the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts, and the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar was 195, 150, and 37, against 212, 138, and 26, respectively, in 1890.

Work done by Subordinate Judges. [*Table P3.*]

25. The tabular statement annexed shows the work done by Subordinate Judges in Assam during each of the past two years:—

	Original Suits		Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases.	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Regular	Miscellaneous appeals.
	Tried under ordinary procedure.	Tried under Small Cause Court procedure.				
1890 . . .	141	274	158	227	488	29
1891 . . .	189	175	141	223	508	12

All the original suits shown as tried under the Small Cause Court procedure were decided by the Subordinate Judges of Sylhet and Nowgong.

There was on the whole a decrease in the original, and an increase in the appellate, work done by the Subordinate Judges during the past year.

Work done by Munsifs. [*Table P4.*]

26. The number of original suits decided by Munsifs during the past two years is shown below:—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1890.				
Under ordinary procedure	6,574	5,342	4,369	16,285
„ Small Cause Court powers	3,515	3,212	1,830	8,557
Total .	10,089	8,554	6,199	24,842
1891.				
Under ordinary procedure	5,406	4,266	4,505	14,177
„ Small Cause Court powers	3,702	2,903	1,818	8,423
Total .	9,108	7,169	6,323	22,600

As has been the case hitherto, the Munsif of Nowgong decided the largest number (614) of original suits after contest, the Munsif of Sonamgunge coming next with 542 cases, the Second Munsif of Habigunge standing third with 498 cases, and the Munsif of Gauhati standing fourth with 469 cases.

The number of miscellaneous cases of each class decided by the Munsifs of Assam during the past year is compared below with the corresponding figures for 1890 :—

	1890.	1891.
Application for execution of decrees	5,831	5,619
Miscellaneous (judicial) cases	1,513	1,555
" (non-judicial) cases	206	321
TOTAL	7,550	7,495

Applications for the execution of decrees were most numerous in the Third Court of Habigunge (480).

The largest number of miscellaneous judicial cases was decided by the Munsif of Gauhati (200), and, as in the preceding year, the largest number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases was decided by the Third Munsif of Habigunge.

Civil Court Amins. [*Table U.*]

27. During the financial year 1891-92, the receipts on account of the employment of Civil Court Amins in the Assam Valley Districts aggregated R492, while the disbursements reached the sum of R487. In Sylhet the receipts amounted to R2,700 and the disbursements to R1,729, and in Cachar R385, out of R412, was disbursed during the year. As has been reported on previous occasions, no permanent Civil Court Amins were employed in the Assam Valley Districts or in Cachar, ticca Amins being entertained when required.

Local enquiries. [*Table V.*]

28. Enquiries were completed in 148 cases, as compared with 137 in 1890. The average value of the suits concerned was R83, as compared with R78 in 1890, while the average cost of deputation was R19, as compared with R16 in the preceding year.

Judicial buildings.

29. It is reported that the judicial buildings of all the districts in the Assam Valley were maintained in fair order.

The District Judge of Sylhet makes the following observations on the subject :—

"The Courts of the District Judge, Subordinate Judge, and of the two Sudder Munsifs are held in masonry buildings under the immediate supervision of the Public Works Department. The two Munsifs have all along complained of the insufficiency of accommodation for their establishments and library, etc., and though a portion of the verandah was partitioned into two rooms about three years ago, they have not supplied sufficient space for the accommodation of the establishment. However, the Chief Commissioner of Assam has recently sanctioned the construction of a separate masonry building for the two Munsifs at the Sudder Station, and, on his recent visit here, selected the site of the building. But the work has not as yet been taken in hand.

"The Courts of the Munsifs in the interior of the district are held in thatched bungalows. They are generally reported to be in tolerably good condition but requiring repairs. The dampness of the floor is generally complained of by every one of the Munsifs. The Karimgunge Court-house is wretchedly small and there is hardly sufficient accommodation for the office establishment. However, a new brick-built Court-house is under construction at Karimgunge in accordance with the sanction of the Local Government. The Munsif's Court is now held in the old thatched house, which will be replaced by the new masonry building after its completion.

"On my application and subsequent correspondence, the Chief Commissioner was pleased to accord administrative sanction to the construction of three buildings with corrugated iron roofs and pucca walls for the deposit of records of the three Munsifs mentioned below :—

For Munsifs of Habigunge, First, Second and Third Courts (one record-room).

For Munsifs of Moulvi Bazar, First and Second Courts (one record-room).

For Munsif of Sonamgunge (one record-room).

"The plans and estimates for the construction of the record-rooms were prepared by the Public Works Department and countersigned by me, but nothing further appears to have been done in the matter. The necessity of such record-rooms has very much been felt by me as well as by the Munsifs since the introduction of the new record rules of the High Court, under

which the records of the Small Cause Court class triable under the Small Cause Court procedure are required to be permanently deposited in the Munsifs' Courts instead of being sent to the District record-rooms as was the practice before, and so it is most desirable that the record-rooms sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner may be constructed without further loss of time."

The Deputy Commissioner of Cachar reports that the judicial buildings have been repaired and are in good order.

Receipts and charges of the Civil Courts. [*Tables R. and S.*]

30. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Civil Courts in the Province during the past three years:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
1889	3,74,394	2,15,598	1,58,796
1890	3,68,466	2,26,595	1,41,871
1891	3,66,995	2,27,090	1,39,905
Increase in 1891 as compared with 1890 . .	...	495	...
Decrease in 1891 as compared with 1890 . .	1,471	...	1,966

As compared with the figures for 1890, there was a decrease in receipts in Sylhet and Cachar, and an increase in the Assam Valley Districts.

Further details of the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts during the past two years are supplied below:—

		Receipts.				Charges	
		1890.	1891.			1890.	1891.
		R	R			R	R
In Stamps	Process fees	1,10,143	1,08,595	Salaries of	Judicial officers	1,06,399	1,02,523
	Other fees	2,31,532	2,35,310		Process-servers	38,959	40,121
In Cash or Special Stamps	Fines	1,218	1,116		Establishment. Salaried copying and comparing Clerks	1,587	1,784
	Copying and comparing fees	18,103	15,181		Establishment. Others	58,109	61,013
	Other receipts	7 470	6,195		Fees paid to copyists not on the paid establishment	9,069	9,050
					Contingencies and refunds	12,472	12,599
	Total	3,65,466	3,66,995		Total	3,26 595	2,27,090

Court-fees and Establishment charges.

The following statement shows for each district the receipts from Court-fees and the charges on account of establishments during each of tth past two years, exclusive of the receipts and charges on account of the preparation of copies, which are considered separately:—

	Court-fees realized.		Cost of establishment.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	1,12,020	1,25,901	81,295	76,627
Sylhet	2,09,574	1,98,950	1,09,439	1,11,596
Cachar	20,081	19,052	12,733	15,434
	3,41,675	3,43,903	2,03,467	2,03,657

Compared with 1890, the receipts of 1891 increased in the Assam Valley Districts and decreased in Sylhet and Cachar.

As regards the cost of establishment there was an increase of R2,157 and R2,701 in Sylhet and Cachar, respectively, and a decrease of R4,668 in the Assam Valley Districts.

The financial result in 1891 of the new system of preparing copies of documents required by parties is shown below :— Receipts and disbursements of the Copying Department.

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps	...	15,481
Salary of Copying and Comparing Clerks on the fixed establishment	1,784	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	9,050	
		10,834
Surplus		4,647

The surplus does not include expedition fees for copies required urgently, as these are treated in the accounts as miscellaneous receipts and are not separately shown.

31. Rupees 18,025 were realized in 1891-92 on the grant of Probates and Letters of Administration, as compared with R13,610 in 1890-91. Of the former amount, R13,103 were levied on account of Probates or Letters of Administration with Wills annexed: thirty-eight Probates or Letters of Administration in connection with Estates the assets of which did not exceed R1,000 in value, and onw hich no duty was levied, were granted by District Courts, as against 39 in 1890 and 20 in 1889. Probate, etc. [*Table T.*]

In addition to the cases mentioned above, 195 Probates and 153 Letters of Administration were granted by the High Court in respect of estates situated partly in Assam and partly in other Provinces. The corresponding figures for 1890 were 154 Probates and 127 Letters of Administration. These figures have been included in the Returns for Bengal also.

32. In the Assam Valley Districts, only six Subordinate Courts were inspected, but the circumstances of the year were of an exceptional character, and it is reported that two of the uninspected Courts have been visited since its close. In Sylhet the District Judge inspected all the Munsifs' Courts in the course, or immediately after the close, of the year. Owing, it is said, to frequent changes of officers, none of the Subordinate Courts in Cachar were inspected in the course of the year. Inspection by District Judges.

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Original Suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts	Instituted		Disposed of		Pending.	
		1890	1891.	1890.	1891	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	1,067	1,391	1,002	1,365	164	219
	Kamrup*	1,572	1,646	1,616	1,663	165	195
	Nowgong	1,714	1,277	1,752	1,313	178	165
	Darrang	1,279	1,267	1,390	1,314	81	80
	Sibsagar	1,735	1,910	1,944	2,040	143	112
	Lakhimpur	1,002	963	1,030	911	77	134
	Total	8,369	8,454	8,734	8,606	808	905
Sylhet	Sylhet	14,397	12,838	14,791	12,881	2,419	2,511
Cachar	Cachar	1,838	1,420	1,741	1,496	257	191
	Grand Total	24,604	22,712	25,269	22,983	3,484	3,607

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

B

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1890 and 1891.

Judgeships.	Districts	1890.		1891.	
		Suits	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals
Assam Valley	Goalpara	2	...	5	...
	Kamrup*	...	...	...	...
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	Sylhet	10	1	22	...
Cachar	Cachar	1	23	2	44
	Total	13	24	29	44

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

C

Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1887 to 1891.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Value in 1887.	Number in 1887.	Number in 1888	Number in 1889	Number in 1890.	Number in 1891.	Value in 1891.
		R						R
Assam Valley	Goalpara . .	60,23,311	1,399	1,256	1,085	1,067	1,391	2,28,090
	Kamrup* . .	1,59,612	2,074	2,033	1,919	1,572	1,646	2,46,672
	Nowgong . .	86,553	2,019	1,693	1,807	1,714	1,277	52,260
	Darrang . .	1,09,845	1,858	1,595	1,327	1,279	1,267	81,834
	Sibsagar . .	1,30,104	2,304	2,043	1,878	1,735	1,910	1,19,689
	Lakhimpur . .	1,95,357	1,552	1,090	1,051	1,002	963	1,05,801
	Total .	67,04,782	11,206	9,710	9,097	8,369	8,454	8,34,346
Sylhet .	Sylhet . . .	10,32,386	11,172	12,488	14,151	14,397	12,838	12,42,328
Cachar .	Cachar . . .	1,12,359	2,214	2,168	2,186	1,838	1,420	1,00,790
	Grand Total .	78,49,527	24,592	24,366	25,434	24,604	22,712	21,77,464

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

D

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships	Districts.	1890.			1891		
		For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Assam Valley .	Goalpara . . .	951	45	71	1,323	19	49
	Kamrup* . . .	1,346	78	148	1,404	74	168
	Nowgong . . .	1,513	127	74	1,045	169	63
	Darrang . . .	1,122	76	81	1,153	50	64
	Sibsagar . . .	1,603	39	93	1,751	44	115
	Lakhimpur . . .	962	12	28	938	10	15
	Total .	7,497	377	495	7,614	366	474
Sylhet . .	Sylhet	9,258	2,783	2,356	7,725	2,394	2,719
Cachar . .	Cachar	1,609	61	168	1,247	42	131
	Grand Total .	18,364	3,221	3,019	16,586	2,802	3,324

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

E

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships	Districts	1890			1891.		
		For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits	For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley	Goalpara	1,06,374	1,742	27,377	2,21,549	1,994	4,547
	Kamrup*	1,64,803	2,342	24,303	2,09,749	2,110	34,818
	Nowgong	61,7[illegible]5	1,129	3,979	46,367	1,432	4,461
	Darrang	75,658	2,441	4,955	75,003	1,030	5,801
	Sibsagar	87,120	501	4,541	1,08,549	767	10,373
	Lakhimpur	1,00,564	233	4,094	1,04,885	257	659
	Total	5,96,254	8,388	6[illegible],240	7,66,102	7,590	60,654
Sylhet	Sylhet	8,76,934	1,00,586	2,77,938	7,57,078	1,32,501	3,52,749
Cachar	Cachar	86,270	1,878	8,315	76,892	1,333	22,565
	Grand Total	15,59,458	1,10,852	3,55,502	16,00,072	1,41,424	4,35,968

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

F

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1891.

Judgeships	Districts	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc	Decided *ex parte*	Contested.	Total.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	687	467	211	1,365
	Kamrup	548	418	697	1,663
	Nowgong	528	169	616	1,313
	Darrang	673	221	420	1,314
	Sibsagar	877	404	759	2,040
	Lakhimpur	347	229	335	911
	Total	3,660	1,908	3,038	8,606
Sylhet	Sylhet	4,995	4,796	3,090	12,881
Cachar	Cachar	557	629	310	1,496
	Grand Total	9,212	7,333	6,438	22,983

F 2.

Manner of disposal of Suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

Judgeships.	Districts	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*	Contested.	Total.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	268	179	69	516
	Kamrup	282	182	220	684
	Nowgong	299	111	306	716
	Darrang	451	139	249	839
	Sibsagar	341	163	197	701
	Lakhimpur	173	141	134	448
Sylhet	Sylhet	1,744	1,800	642	4,186
Cachar	Cachar	190	238	30	508
	Total	3,748	3,003	1,847	8,598

G

Applications for an order to set aside an Ex parte Judgment or a Judgment on default, 1891.

		MUNSIFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						JUDGES.					
		PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
		To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.
ASSAM VALLEY	Goalpara	9	23	32	20	9	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kamrup	39	23	62	35	21	56	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1
	Nowgong	10	23	33	19	20	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	14	46	60	43	16	59	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	30	87	117	85	37	122	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	1	8	9	5	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	103	210	313	207	106	313	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1
SYLHET	Sylhet	87	117	204	118	75	193	5	2	7	3	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
CACHAR	Cachar	5	15	20	9	12	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
	GRAND TOTAL	195	342	537	334	193	527	5	3	8	4	4	8	...	2	2	2	...	2

H

Result of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Civil Courts.

Districts	Court.	Number of Applications in which Realizations were made.				Amount realized.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						R	R	R
Goalpara . . .	R	125	146	267	4	21,989	213	22,202
Kamrup . . .	R	149	282	419	12	37,114	451	37,565
Nowgong . . .	R	111	62	167	6	6,184	1,152	7,336
Darrang . . .	R	110	135	235	10	11,753	921	12,674
Sibsagar . . .	R	412	214	625	1	43,144	56	43,180
Lakhimpur . . .	R	172	118	284	6	27,213	330	27,543
Total .	R	1,079	957	1,997	39	1,47,397	3,103	1,50,500
Sylhet . . .	R	1,958	1,583	2,661	880	2,21,538	97,773	3,19,311
Cachar . . .	R	154	117	217	54	13,603	7,395	20,998
Grand Total .	R	3,191	2,657	4,875	973	3,82,538	1,08,271	4,90,809

I

Original Miscellaneous Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judicial.

Judgeships	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1890	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley .	Goalpara . . .	84	149	79	133	16	35
	Kamrup* . . .	315	383	341	354	34	57
	Nowgong . . .	111	118	121	113	26	31
	Darrang . . .	137	142	135	141	13	18
	Sibsagar . . .	316	243	306	257	27	18
	Lakhimpur . . .	93	64	100	56	4	11
	Total .	1,056	1,099	1,082	1,054	120	170
Sylhet . .	Sylhet . . .	884	948	1,069	1,001	170	124
Cachar . .	Cachar	122	98	128	107	14	6
	Grand Total .	2,092	2,145	2,279	2,162	304	300

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

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Original Miscellaneous Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

NON-JUDICIAL.

Judgeships	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	Sylhet	212	329	206	321	12	20
Cachar	Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Grand Total	212	329	206	321*	12	20

J

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships	Districts	Instituted		Disposed of		Pending	
		1890	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891
Assam Valley	Goalpara	22	32	18	32	6	6
	Kamrup*	224	188	210	214	112	104
	Nowgong	57	36	51	36	22	21
	Darrang	30	22	21	28	12	6
	Sibsagar	77	93	70	83	35	44
	Lakhimpur	34	20	42	20	2	1
	Total	444	391	412	413	189	182
Sylhet	Sylhet	564	512	426	440	319	394
Cachar	Cachar	57	72	26	37	78	113
	Grand Total	1,065	975	864	890	586	689

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

K

Number of Appellate Judges and of Appeals preferred and ratio of Appeals to decisions.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in contested cases against which an appeal lay to the District Court.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio of appeals to decisions in which an appeal lay.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	1	149	32	21·47
	Kamrup	2	476	177	37·18
	Nowgong	1	308	38	12·30
	Darrang	1	177	24	13·55
	Sibsagar	1	557	93	16·69
	Lakhimpur	1	193	27	13·98
	Total	7	1,860	391	21·02
Sylhet	Sylhet	2	1,770	509	28·75
Cachar	Cachar	1	270	72	26·66
	Grand Total	10	3,900	972	24·92

L

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1890.			1891.		
		In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law	In title suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	14	3	5	20	8	4
	Kamrup	134	8	82	110	9	69
	Nowgong	43	...	14	27	[illegible]	7
	Darrang	22	...	8	11	...	11
	Sibsagar	57	...	20	59	1	33
	Lakhimpur	28	2	4	14	1	5
	Total	298	13	133	241	21	129
Sylhet	Sylhet	218	133	213	170	94	248
Cachar	Cachar	38	...	19	44	1	27
	Grand Total	554	146	365	455	116	404

M

Value of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts	1890. In cases for money or movables.	1890. Under the Rent Law.	1890. In title suits.	1891. In cases for money or movables	1891. Under the Rent Law.	1891. In title suits.
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley	Goalpara	1,812	86	638	4,297	896	558
	Kamrup	27,030	247	10,247	30,944	476	7,613
	Nowgong	4,222	...	449	2,742	22	104
	Darrang	3,417	...	280	2,149	...	371
	Sibsagar	7,962	...	535	5,374	25	871
	Lakhimpur	7,181	70	150	1,874	36	188
	Total	51,624	403	12,299	47,380	955	9,705
Sylhet	Sylhet	33,541	5,340	22,797	38,805	2,467	30,635
Cachar	Cachar	4,152	...	1,560	6,381	83	2,677
	Grand Total	89,617	5,743	36,656	82,569	3,505	43,017

N

Appeals how disposed of.

Districts.	Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Assam Valley	258	45	79	20	11	413
Sylhet	356	27	43	2	12	440
Cachar	28	...	2	...	7	37
Total	642	72	124	22	30	890

O

Miscellaneous Appeals.

Judgeships.	Districts	Instituted. 1890.	Instituted. 1891.	Disposed of 1890.	Disposed of 1891.	Pending. 1890.	Pending. 1891.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	3	2	3	1	...	1
	Kamrup*	15	9	11	9	5	5
	Nowgong	5	...	2	4	4	...
	Darrang	1	1	2	...	...	1
	Sibsagar	7	6	7	6	1	1
	Lakhimpur	2	1	2	1	...	...
	Total	33	19	27	21	10	8
Sylhet	Sylhet	59	63	51	59	15	19
Cachar	Cachar	3	5	4	2	...	3
	Grand Total	95	87	82	82	25	30

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

P 1

Work done by District Judges.

Districts.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Assam Valley . . .	49	63	5	83	150	9	41	172
Sylhet	143	93	12	351	195	59	41	240
Cachar	64	67	2	32	37	2	8	46
Total	256	223	19	466	382	70	90	458

P 3

Work done by Subordinate Judges.

Districts.	1890.					1891.				
	Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous cases (judicial).	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals disposed of.		Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous cases (judicial).	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals disposed of	
				Regular.	Miscellaneous.				Regular.	Miscellaneous.
Goalpara	35	15	10	18	3	12	29	8	32	1
Kamrup	14	17	11	72	...	28	24	26	64	...
Nowgong	2	8	3	51	2	2	14	2	36	4
Darrang	5	21	4	21	2	10	13	1	28	...
Sibsagar	2	13	7	70	7	5	25	4	83	6
Lakhimpur	16	21	4	42	2	18	13	15	20	1
Total .	74	95	39	274	16	75	118	56	263	12
Sylhet	341	63	188	214	13	289	23	167	245	...
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total .	415	158	227	488	29	364	141	223	508	12

P 4

Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1891.

Districts	Munsifs.	Suits				Miscellaneous.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, compromised, etc.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Assam Valley	Goalpara	96	91	66	253	83	24	...
	Dhubri	586	369	145	1,100	180	80	...
	Gauhati	379	271	469	1,119	310	200	...
	Burpettah	167	137	207	511	95	47	...
	Nowgong	528	169	614	1,311	171	99	...
	Tezpur	333	126	202	661	109	88	...
	Mungledye	337	91	215	643	135	40	...
	Sibsagar	251	97	260	608	120	79	...
	Jorhat	400	189	229	818	221	104	...
	Golaghat	223	116	270	609	281	49	...
	Debrughur	166	158	206	530	174	30	...
	North Lakhimpur	178	68	117	363	101	13	...
	Total	3,644	1,882	3,000	8,526	1,980	853	...
Sylhet	1st Sudder	539	614	299	1,452	423	108	5
	2nd Do.	323	275	212	810	406	53	1
	Karimgunge	452	495	188	1,135	379	33	24
	Sonamgunge	673	961	542	2,176	355	109	18
	1st Habigunge	306	364	348	1,018	388	85	...
	2nd Do.	426	455	498	1,379	445	52	...
	3rd Do.	1,215	836	437	2,488	480	36	156
	1st Moulvie Bazar	652	397	298	1,347	314	78	77
	2nd Do.	322	262	191	775	201	73	40
	Total	4,908	4,659	3,013	12,580	3,371	627	321
Cachar	Assistant Commissioner as Sudder Munsif of Cachar.	313	460	177	950	146	53	...
	Hailakandi Assistant Commissioner with powers of Munsif.	243	168	133	544	122	22	...
	Total	556	628	310	1,494	268	75	...
	Grand Total	9,108	7,169	6,323	22,600	5,619	1,555	321

Q

Average duration of Cases.

Districts.		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges		Munsifs		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested	Contested	Uncontested	Contested	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested
		Y. M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assam Valley	O	0 4 7	...	4 28	2 19	2 23	1 6	...	...
	S	...	...	5 26	...	1 2	0 27	...	...
Sylhet	O	0 8 21	4 7	11 5	6 16	4 27	2 7	...	...
	S	...	...	1 11	1 0	1 22	1 3	...	...
Cachar	O	...	10 28	...	...	5 0	1 16	...	...
	S	...	...	...	...	3 11	1 1	...	...
General Average	O	0 7 6	7 17	5 11	5 4	4 1	1 27	...	...
	S	...	...	1 15	1 0	1 10	1 0	...	...

R

Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1891.

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit
	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley	1,35,721	83,482	52,239	...
Sylhet	2,10,005	1,27,493	82,512	...
Cachar	21,269	16,115	5,154	...
Total	3,66,995	2,27,090	1,39,905	...

S

Detail of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts, 1891.

Districts	Receipts					Total.	Charges						Total.
	In Court-fee Stamps.		In cash or Special Stamps.				Share of officers' salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishment.			Fees paid to copyists not on the paid establishment	Contingencies and refunds	
	Process Fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees	Other receipts credited to Government			Process servers	Salaried copying and comparing clerks	Others.			
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley	31,346	94,555	470	4,550	4,820	1,35,721	34,530	15,161	..	26,930	2,876	3,979	83,482
Sylhet	70,354	1,28,096	625	9,903	527	2,10,005	50,192	22,319	1,559	30,185	6,063	8,275	1,27,493
Cachar	6,303	12,659	41	1,028	1,148	21,269	3,901	2,741	235	3,897	111	845	16,115
Munsifs	93,354	1,71,534	1,079	8,196	1,773	4,75,916	61,800	29,677	682	36,190	5,040	8,282	1,41,677
Sub-Judges	10,642	39,728	10	1,985	120	53,465	16,967	1,253	..	7,386	1,270	1,251	28,139
Judges	4,617	24,048	27	5,330	4,602	38,614	23,756	9,261	1,132	17,419	2,710	3,096	57,374
Grand Total	1,06,593	2,36,310	1,116	15,481	6,495	3,66,995	1,02,523	40,121	1,794	61,013	9,030	12,599	2,27,090

T

Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, Certificates, and Extended Certificates, under Act XXVII of 1860 and Act VII of 1889, granted in the Province of Assam during the financial year 1891-92, and the amount of duty realized thereon.

		Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860 or Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of extended Certificates under Section 10 of Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			R		R		R		R
Not exceeding R1,000	High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	38	...	12	...	218	1,197	5	37
Above R1,000 up to R5,000	High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	8	315	2	64	34	1,436	2	142
Above R5,000 up to R10,000	High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	2	264	2	304	3	511	...	...
Above R10,000 up to R50,000	High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	3	1,976	2	594	1	300	1	337
Above R50,000 up to R1,00,000	High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	4	5,790	...	...	...	...	...	...
Above R1,00,000	High Court	1	4,758	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
Total	High Court	1	4,758	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court	55	8,345	18	962	256	3,144	8	516
	GRAND TOTAL	56	13,103	18	962	256	3,444	8	516

U

Receipts and Disbursements on account of Amins, 1891-92.

DISTRICTS.	Permanent Amins.		Temporary Amins.		Fees paid for the employment of Munsifs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Amins with grades.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	R	R	R	R	R		
Assam Valley	...	...	492	487	35	...	...
Sylhet	2,514	1,172	186	557	30	...	2
Cachar	...	...	412	385	...	...	...
Add 10 per cent. on account of pension	...	117	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	2,514	1,289	1,090	1,429	65	...	2

V

Statistics of local enquiries in 1891, Assam.

SCALE OF VALUE.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied on enquiry.
R		R	R	R	R	Days.
Cases not exceeding 5	13	37	3	93	7	2
" " " 20	31	405	13	297	10	3
" " " 50	40	1,387	35	717	18	5
" " " 100	35	2,627	75	663	19	5
" " " 500	25	4,413	176	661	26	7
" " " 1,000	3	1,983	661	113	38	11
" exceeding 1,000	1	1,500	1,500	347	347	40
TOTAL	148	12,351	83·4	2,891	19·5	...

W

Applications for declaration of Insolvency, 1891.

Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1890	1891	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
Assam Valley	22	21	16	22	9	8
Sylhet.	2	10	4	9	1	2
Cachar	3	1	3	1	...	...
Total .	27	32	23	32	10	10

W 1

Number of persons declared to be insolvents.

Districts.	Declared to be insolvents.		Discharged		Pending.	
	1890.	1891.	1890	1891.	1890.	1891
Assam Valley . . .	7	10	6	11	1	...
Sylhet	...	1	...	1	...	...
Cachar	3	...	3	...	...	...
Total .	10	11	9	12	1	...

W 2

Realizations and disbursements by Receivers.

Districts	Realized.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1890	1891.	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	1,299	...	1,309	...	236	236
Cachar	...	...	...	...	7	7
Total .	1,299	...	1,309	...	243	243

X

Civil business disposed of in the High Court in 1891.

(APPELLATE CIVIL JURISDICTION.)

ASSAM.

		Remaining at the close of 1890.	Brought before the Court in 1891.	Disposed of in 1891.	Remaining at the close of 1891.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees of the Courts in the interior	9	15	11	13
	From Original Orders of the Courts in the interior	1	7	5	3
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees of the Courts in the interior	39	61	44	56
	From Appellate Orders of the Courts in the interior	1	6	4	3
	Miscellaneous Orders in Courts	...	9	9	...

Y

Appeals, etc., instituted in the High Court in the year 1891.

(SHOWING DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS.)

		INSTITUTED IN 1891.						
		APPEALS FROM DECREES.					APPEALS FROM ORDERS.	
		FIRST APPEALS.			SECOND APPEALS.			
		Rupees 10,000 and upwards.	Below R10,000.	Letters of administration.	Exceeding R50 in value.	Not exceeding R50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
ASSAM	Assam Valley Districts	...	2	2	12	12	3	2
	Sylhet	...	4	6	22	11	4	4
	Cachar	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
	TOTAL FOR ASSAM	...	6	8	36	25	7	6

Z

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1891.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882	TOTAL.
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
ASSAM.										
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES	District Judge	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Subordinate Judge	2	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	8
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES	District Judge	7	2	1	5	...	...	1	4	20
	Subordinate Judge	20	...	...	2	1	...	..	1	24
APPEALS FROM ORDERS	District Judge	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Subordinate Judge	2	2	...	...	...	.	...	1	5
	Munsifs	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	35	7	3	8	3	...	2	6	64

Annual Statement 1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Civil cases at the close of the year, the Work done and the Receipts and the Charges of the Courts during 1891.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES.														NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED.						Total Number of Miscellaneous Cases decided.	NUMBER OF CIVIL APPEALS DECIDED.				Total Number of Miscellaneous Appeals decided.	Total Receipts of Civil Courts.	Total Charges of Civil Courts.
					OFFICERS EXERCISING BOTH ORIGINAL AND APPELLATE JURISDICTION.										OFFICERS EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION ONLY.																	
					Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		SUBORDINATE JUDGES. Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judges, with the powers of a Small-Cause Court Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges, with the powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.															
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.			
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS: Goalpara	3,953	446,232	1	2	...	.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	5	...	12	1,353	8,606	133	...	150	32	413	1	R	R
Kamrup	3,631	644,960		2	...	..		...	1	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...		..	28	1,630		354	...		64		9		
Nowgong	3,257	310,579		1		...		...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...		...	2	1,311		113	...		36		4		
Darrang	3,418	273,333		2	...	..		...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...		...	10	1,304		141	...		28		...		
Sibsagar	2,854	370,274		3	...			..	1	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	2	4	...		...	5	2,035		257	.		83		6		
Lakhimpur	3,723	179,893		2	.	...		.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...		..	18	893		56	...		30		1		
Total	20,836	2,225,271	1	12	..	...	1	...	6	...		...	...	...	...	..	6	15		5	...	75	8,526	8,606	1,054	...	150	263	413	21	1,35,721	83,482
Sylhet	5,413	1,960,009	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	12	...	289	12,580	12,881	1,001	...	195	245	440	50	2,10,005	1,27,433
Cachar	1,285	269,425	1	2	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	1,494	1,496	107	...	37	...	37	2	21,269	16,115
GRAND TOTAL	27,534	4,483,705	3	19	...	...	3	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	28	...	19	...	364	22,600	22,983	2,162	...	382	508	890	82	3,66,995	2,27,090

Annual Statement 2—(Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for Money or Movable Property.											Suits under the Rent Law.									Title and other Suits.																			
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money lent and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancellment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion, or for withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For pottahs or kabuliyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, etc.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 281, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																								
I.—Civil Courts.																																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	4,784	848	206	28	728	102	150	348	867	124	7,941	2,751	6	6	...	1	11	4	4	2,795	1,356	36	1,242	236	91	6	...	3	2	191	5	...	...	...	...	2	37	3,397	13,943
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers.	3,749	978	251	331	1,581	167	28	472	791	106	8,368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,368
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	78	1	8	...	8	...	...	3	6	6	110	2	...	...	...	1	1	3	7	84	7	1	...	2	5	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	105	222
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	127	4	25	...	...	2	1	4	1	...	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164
Chief Courts of Districts	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	12	15
Total	8,733	1,281	492	583	2,318	272	179	827	1,665	236	16,586	2,753	6	6	...	13	12	5	7	2,802	1,440	45	1,243	236	93	11	...	3	2	192	7	...	...	...	...	12	40	3,324	22,712
II.—Revenue Courts.																																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	8,733	1,281	492	583	2,318	272	179	827	1,665	236	16,586	2,753	6	6	...	13	12	5	7	2,802	1,440	45	1,243	236	93	11	...	3	2	192	7	...	...	...	...	12	40	3,324	22,712

Annual Statement 3—(Civil).

Statement showing Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Class of Courts.	Number of Suits instituted in the different Courts.																		Total.	Total Value of Suits.
	Value not exceeding R10.			Value not exceeding R50.			Value not exceeding R100.			Value not exceeding R500.			Value not exceeding R1,000.	Value not exceeding R5,000.	Value not exceeding R10,000.	Value not exceeding R1,00,000.	Value exceeding R1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								R
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	485	1,193	532	1,166	1,351	1,565	3,339	187	620	2,736	59	356	260	...	...	...	...	94	13 943	12,21,244
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	1,796	...	...	6,572	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,368	1,94,390
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	16	9	...	2	222	7,16,676
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	12,188
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	1	...	7	15	32,966
Total	2,281	1,193	532	7,738	1,351	1,565	3,503	187	620	2,736	59	356	261	201	16	10	...	103	22,712	21,77,464
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	2,281	1,193	532	7,738	1,351	1,565	3,503	187	620	2,736	59	356	261	201	16	10	...	103	22,712	21,77,464

Annual Statement 4—(Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts	Number of suits before the Courts: Pending from last year	Instituted in 1891.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act X of 1877.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 99, 103, 108, or 371	Total for disposal.	Number of suits disposed of: Transferred to other Courts	Without Trial: Plaint rejected or returned	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Without Contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte	On reference to Arbitration: For plaintiff.	For defendant.	With Contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers	Pending at close of year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average number of days the suits were pending: Contested.	Uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—Civil Courts.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	2,753	13,943	22	20	25	193	16,956	17	43	2,900	357	1,405	801	4,221	45	41	15	3,003	1,446	14,177	2,762	1,008	121	57
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	627	8,368	146	1	5	134	9,281	145	21	2,205	81	728	667	2,872	31	3	.	1,229	586	8,423	713	13	40	30
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	65	222	..	5	...	1	293	...	...	29	1	15	11	62		1	...	42	28	189	104	81	251	154
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	25	164	..	..	...	3	192	...	...	25	.	5	16	100	...	...	..	24	5	175	17	...	45	30
Chief Courts of Districts	14	15	1	...	...	.	30	...	...	..	1	...	1	2	...	..	..	5	10	19	11	11	216	227
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Suits for money or movables	1,948	16,586	147	18	18	266	18,983	146	48	3,705	161	1,399	1,332	6,082	58	32	7	2,835	1,237	16,896	1,941	264	73	37
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Suits under the Rent Law	335	2,802	...	2	3	35	3,180	...	9	790	114	349	104	765	3	...	1	426	166	2,727	453	179	137	61
Total of each class for Civil Courts — Title and other suits	1,198	3,324	22	6	9	30	4,589	16	7	564	165	405	60	410	15	13	7	1,042	672	3,360	1,213	670	150	108
Total	3,484	22,712	169	26	30	331	26,752	162	64	5,059	440	2,153	1,496	7,257	76	45	15	4,303	2,075	22,983	3,607	1,113	100	47
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	..	..	...	..	...	...	.	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	3,484	22,712	169	26	30	331	26,752	162	64	5,059	440	2,153	1,496	7,257	76	45	15	4,303	2,075	22,983	3,607	1,113	100	47

Annual Statement 4—(Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1891.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of												Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Number of cases pending more than three months as the close of the year.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				In reference to Arbitration		With Consent.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act X of 1877.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Revived under sections 98, 103, 108			Applications rejected or returned	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—Civil Courts.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	180	1,516	28	3	2	8	1,737	...	28	189	12	44	14	311	44	...	...	554	359	1,555	182	28	43	
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	30	145	5	...	...	...	180	2	6	17	...	2	2	56	1	...	...	39	18	141	37	13	70	
Chief Courts of Districts	94	484	2	...	4	2	586	39	1	32	4	12	1	310	16	...	...	36	54	466	81	32	60	
Total	304	2,145	35	3	6	10	2,503	41	35	238	16	58	17	677	61	...	...	629	431	2,162	300	73	52	
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	304	2,145	35	3	6	10	2,503	41	35	238	16	58	17	677	61	...	...	629	431	2,162	300	73	52	

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Part I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1891.	Otherwise received: Received by transfer from other Courts.	Otherwise received: Reviews under Section 626, Act X of 1877.	Otherwise received: Remands under Section 562.	Otherwise received: Revivals under Sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 561.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte: Confirmed.	Heard ex parte: Modified.	Heard ex parte: Reversed.	Heard ex parte: Remanded under Section 562.	Contested: Confirmed.	Contested: Modified.	Contested: Reversed.	Contested: Remanded under Section 562.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act X of 1877.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	101	203	370	1	5	4	684	12	10	18	28	...	6	1	324	36	71	14	508	164	120	198	25
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	485	772	12	...	5	3	1,277	370	28	12	11	1	3	...	241	35	44	7	382	525	373	282	51
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	276	455	155		1	4	891	155	30	14	23	1	5	...	244	39	62	14	432	304	219	224	28
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — In suits under the Rent Law	95	116	48	...	2	1	262	48	..	3	3	...	1	..	97	14	13	2	132	82	50	235	8
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — In Title and other Suits	215	404	179	1	7	2	808	179	8	13	13	...	3	1	224	18	41	5	326	303	223	246	40
Total	586	975	382	1	10	7	1,961	382	38	30	39	1	9	1	565	71	115	21	890	689	493	234	76
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	586	975	382	1	10	7	1,961	382	38	30	39	1	9	1	565	71	115	21	890	689	493	234	76
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province — From decisions by Courts in the interior	9	14	...	1	...	...	24	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	1	11	13	8	381	...
Chief Court of Province — From decisions on the Original side	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	39	61	...	...	...	...	100	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	27	1	2	7	44	56	33	225	...
Chief Court of Province — From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	48	75	...	1	...	...	124	...	5	4	...	...	...	...	30	3	5	8	55	69	41	257	...

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Appeals.

Class of Court.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1891.	Otherwise received: Received by transfer from other Courts.	Otherwise received: Reviewed under Section 628, Act X of 1877.	Otherwise received: Remands under Section 562	Otherwise received: Restored to file under Sections 556, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 561.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte: Rejected.	Heard ex parte: Modified.	Heard ex parte: Decreed or granted.	Heard ex parte: Remanded under Section 562.	Contested: Rejected.	Contested: Modified.	Contested: Decreed or granted.	Contested: Remanded under Section 562	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending	Objection under Section 561, Act X of 1877.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
First Appeals.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	5	10	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	3	1	...	1	...	2	...	3	1	12	3	1	137	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	20	77	...	...	...	...	97	...	1	5	7	...	3	...	37	2	10	5	70	27	8	111	1
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	25	87	...	...	...	...	112	...	2	8	8	...	4	...	39	2	13	6	82	30	9	115	1
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	25	87	...	...	...	...	112	...	2	8	8	...	4	...	39	2	13	6	82	30	9	115	1
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
First Appeals.																							
Chief Court of Province: From decisions by Courts in the interior	1	7	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	5	3	3	72	...
Chief Court of Province: From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1	7	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	5	3	3	72	...
Second Appeals.																							
Chief Court of Province: From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	1	6	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	3	2	103	...
Chief Court of Province: From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1	6	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	3	2	103	...

Annual Statement 6—(Civil).

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Class of Courts.	Number of applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.							Details of entries in column 9.						Amount realized.		Number of applications.											
	Pending at the end of 1891.	Filed. The decrees being those of the Courts were execution is taken out.	Filed. The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.	Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred. To another Court, under section 223.	Transferred. To the Collector under section 320.	Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1891.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested under section 336, but released without imprisonment.	On which movable property. Was sold.	On which movable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under section 276.	On which immovable property. Was sold.	On which immovable property. Was dealt with under sections 305, 325, or 326.	On which immovable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under section 276.	On which possession was conferred.	On which possession was given. Of immovables, section 266.	On which possession was given. Of immovables, sections 263 and 264.	On which partition was effected, section 265.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																
I.—Civil Courts.																																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	2,258	12,055	324	40	14,677	252	...	5,619	6,401	12,272	2,405	627	3,091	2,528	4,503	1,116	4,691	928	2,59,181	74,701	43	125	656	267	928	5	403	7	19	849	7	1,075
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	137	445	11	1	594	34	...	223	210	467	127	75	94	129	134	89	182	41	1,22,155	29,712	1	2	28	5	62	2	16	...	2	7	...	23
Chief Courts of Districts	4	27	7	...	38	4	...	6	4	14	24	3	6	...	3	3	2	4	1,202	3,858	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2,399	12,527	342	41	15,309	290	...	5,848	6,615	12,753	2,556	709	3,191	2,657	4,640	1,208	4,875	973	3,82,538	1,08,271	44	127	684	272	990	7	419	7	21	856	7	1,098
II.—Revenue Courts.																																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior.	2,399	12,527	342	41	15,309	290	...	5,848	6,615	12,753	2,556	709	3,191	2,657	4,640	1,208	4,875	973	3,82,538	1,08,271	44	127	684	272	990	7	419	7	21	856	7	1,098

Annual Statement 7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Province of Assam during the year 1891.

Part I.—Showing the Number and Result of Applications under Section 341 and the Number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency: Number of applications dealt with: Pending at the close of the previous year	Filed during the year: By judgment-debtor: Under arrest or imprisonment	Filed during the year: By judgment-debtor: Not under arrest or imprisonment	Filed during the year: By decree-holders	Received by transfer	Total	Applications disposed of: Transferred	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted	Granted: A Receiver being appointed	Granted: A Receiver not being appointed	Rejected: Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken	Rejected: Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 358	Rejected: Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with	Total	Pending at the close of the year	Persons declared to be insolvents: Number before the Court: Remaining at close of the previous year	Declared to be insolvents during the year	Received by transfer	Total	Disposed of: Transferred	Died	Discharged: Under section 351	Discharged: Under section 355	Remaining at the close of the year
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	9	11	7	.	...	30	..	8	..	9	5	..	...	22	8	1	10	..	11	.	..	11		...
Chief Courts of Districts	1	10	1			12	..	3		1	6	...	...	10	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Superior Courts	.		..	.	.	...		.	...	...		...	..		.	.	...	..		.	...	.	...	...
Total	10	21	8	...	...	42	..	11	...	10	11	..	...	32	10	1	11	...	12	...	...	12	...	...

Part II.—Showing the Number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the Progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers: Pending at the close of the previous year	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Pending at the close of the year	Amount of Creditors' Claims dealt with during the year: Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year	Admitted	Disallowed	Satisfied	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year	Amount of Insolvents' Assets realized and outstanding: Amount of realized assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year	Gross amount realized during the year	Total amount of disbursements	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year
					R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	24	...	3	22	73,240	...	..	...	70,560	243	...	...	243
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Total	24	...	2	22	73,240	...	...	...	70,550	243	...	...	243

Annual Statement 8—(Civil).

Statement showing use of Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1891.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks. (Note in what classes of cases Juries and Assessors have been principally employed.)
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the Verdict.		Number of Persons of the Verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agree with Assessors.	Number of Cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
I.—Civil Courts.												
Chief Court of District (or officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1880. } Assessors .	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Total	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	